

New School Year

As the new school year begins, let's all do our best to start the year as a *partner* with your child's teacher. This year's teacher may turn out to be the best teacher your child has ever had.

Tips for a Successful Parent/Teacher Partnership

Involved parents can do a lot to help their kids have a successful year with their new teachers.

First, get to know the teacher. Establish a friendly relationship early, so your first meeting isn't over a problem.

Second, keep your child's teacher up-to-date on problems at home. She'll be better prepared if she knows about the illness, divorce or death in the family.

Third, be quick to give praise. If the teacher handled a certain project with certain creativity, and it really paid off with your child, send her a note to say "thanks." One compliment will go a long way.

Fourth, deal with problems early. If your son or daughter is confused in some subject, notify the teacher and ask how you can help before it becomes a serious problem.

Fifth, be realistic. Teachers today are under a tremendous amount of stress. Be understanding and allow them to make a few mistakes.

Sixth, don't jump to conclusions. Sometimes children come home and tell you only the most sensational incidents - which may have already been through two or three stages of gossip. Do your best to stay calm and work out the problem in a constructive manner.

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KYPIRC Mission Statement

Coordinating services, sharing information, identifying resources, fostering contact, and creating a network to support the interest and needs of parents and schools, and subsequently improved academic achievement.



*The sky's the limit
 for student achievement when
 parents are involved!*

KYPIRC September Parent Trainings

Western KY Regional Training

August 22; 11:00 am—12:00 pm

"Involved Parents: A Key to Success in School"
 Woodland Heights Community Center
 Christian County

North Central KY Regional Training

August 7; 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

"What Parents Can Do at Home to Help with Reading"
 Shepherdsville Elementary School, Bullitt Co.

Eastern KY Regional Training

September 15; 7:00 pm—8:00 pm

"Middle School Success"
 Betsy Layne Elementary School, Floyd Co.

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for more September training dates and other helpful information!